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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
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Dear President Obama:

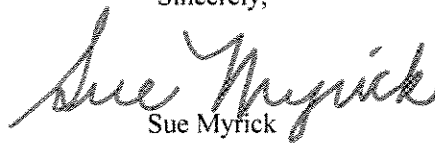
I write you today simply to ask two questions about the new White House program to monitor information released about the proposed health care reform:

- 1) How will the "fishy" information collected via [flag@whitehouse.gov](mailto:flag@whitehouse.gov) be used?
- 2) Will the people who are flagged as "fishy" be made aware that they've been reported?

The debate about proposed health care reform has become heated over the past months. I cannot see how this debate can be advanced in a productive manner if people can no longer speak freely without fear that they may be reported to the White House. The privacy of those who are reported could potentially be put in jeopardy, as email addresses, IP addresses and other identifying information will undoubtedly be forwarded along - perhaps without the author's knowledge.

I look forward to your reply to my questions, and hope that you will take to heart the concerns of the American people over this program.

Sincerely,

  
Sue Myrick  
Member of Congress